

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- Amendments -

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claim 5 is amended.

Claim 5 remains pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

- Remarks -

Claim Objections

Claim 5 is objected to for reasons of grammatical errors. This error, and others where appropriate, have been corrected.

35 USC § 103(a)

Claim 5 is rejected under § 103(a) over the combination of Brugue et al. (US 2004/0201641), Gragg et al. (US 5,467,118) and Kobayashi et al. (US 6,213,600). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the rejection, it is asserted that Brugue et al. disclose all features of the claimed invention except for that of the refill port having a plurality of inlets, the printing fluid reservoirs having a flexible membrane, and that during printing the refill port is closed and disengaged from any source of refill printing fluid.

It has come to the Applicant's attention that Brugue et al. also fail to disclose the pagewidth printhead of claim 5.

The invention of claim 5 is directed to a printer cartridge that comprises a body configured for user insertion in, and removal from, a printer. The printer cartridge further comprises a pagewidth printhead. The combination of the above two features renders it clear to a person skilled in the art that the print head is, together with the body, also insertable in and removable from the printer.

The printhead assembly (102) of Brugue et al. does not satisfy the above limitation of claim 5 with regard to the pagewidth printhead. In paragraph [0017] of Brugue et al., it is described that the ink supply assembly (104) may be housed with the printhead assembly (102), or may be separate therefrom. In either case, the ink reservoir (106) of the ink supply assembly (104) may be removed, replaced, or refilled.

The above description of Brugue et al. fails to teach that the printhead assembly (102) is removable too. In fact, the opposite seems to be suggested in that the "printer cartridge" of Brugue et al. includes only the ink supply assembly (104) and ink reservoir (106), but not the printhead assembly (102). The references of Gragg et al. and Kobayashi et al. also do

not teach or suggest a print cartridge as claimed in claim 5, in which the printhead is user insertable in, and removable from, the printer and is part of the printer cartridge.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 5 is novel and inventive over the combination of cited references.

In the hope of securing an expedited allowance of the present application, the Applicant seeks to amend claim 5 to explicitly recite that the pagewidth printhead is incorporated with the body. It is believed that such an amendment makes it explicit that the printhead is user insertable in and removable from the printer together with the body, which for reasons as given above, is an arrangement that is not taught or suggested by any of the cited references.

Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,

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